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I noticed boxes below the drinking fountain in the inn. Small pull sticks hung down from the elevator buttons.

And I was told the maids handling the rooms of the little people were instructed to keep the towels down low.

BILLY BARTY

3 feet, 9½ inches

I walked into a ballroom in the basement and there were some 250 little people listening to their president, Charles Bedow:

"Let's remember now, it's all right to party at night as long as you leave the plaster on the walls." Laughter.

"We don't want people to think our convention is just fun and games. We don't need a bongo player in every room." Laughter.

And then down to the business at the eleventh national convention of Little People of America, the first time in Minnesota.

My interest was in its founder, Billy Barty, of North Hollywood, Calif., who is 44 years old and 3 feet 9½ inches tall. [The smallest member is 27 inches.]

Billy is an old vaudeville veteran who now has his own show—a live, musical version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. He formerly did comedy and impersonations with Spike Jones and his City Slickers.

WE LEFT the ballroom and went into the lower lobby. I sat on a very low concrete bench and Billy stood. It still was necessary to look down at him.

"How tall do you have to be to join?" I asked.

Billy laughed. It was apparent he had no inhibitions about his size.

"You mean how short?" he said. Then he laughed again.

Billy explained you must be 4 feet 10 inches or under, and must be what is commonly known as a dwarf.

Some women are that short and are not dwarfs and, therefore, are not eligible to be members.

THE OBJECT of the organization, which Billy founded in 1957, is to do something about the practical and psychological problems of being small.

And a big part is educating taller people on how to understand little people.

"Many folks think we all are entertainers," said Billy. "Actually only one percent of us are. The rest are teachers, nurses, engineers, accountants . . ."

The rudeness of the taller ones is a problem, although it has improved in recent years.

"I was in a department store recently when a grandmother said to her grandchild: 'You be good or I'll have that little man over there bite you,'" recounted Billy.

"I'm an old hand at it and I laughed," he said. "But for the others, many of them young, it can be a hurt."

BILLY EXPLAINED that people tend to stare. "They do the same thing to Lou Alcindor." And the important thing is to get associated with the taller ones.

The convention, he said, usually goes like this:

"The first day everybody stares. The second day they begin to know us. The third day they join in. And then they don't want us to leave."

It was the first day and I noticed that everybody was staring. But the little people didn't seem to mind.

There are 50 different kinds of little people. Some are born that way, some develop a problem later.

One of the biggest problems they face is the attitude of parents. There is no predictability about little people. Tall parents have them, and little people have tall children.

But, often, the parents are reluctant to face reality.

"They dress their little people to size instead of age," said Billy, with 30-year-olds in Little Lord Fauntleroys.

"YOU FIND cases of 40-year-olds holding their parents hands while crossing the street," he said, obviously upset by such protection.

Billy believes in getting little people well adjusted. "We're not fooling outselves. Life isn't easy. But one of the major space barriers is the one between our ears."

He long ago discovered that association with taller people enables them to "find us not as different as we look."

That was it. Billy had to leave to travel to the home of two Minneapolis little people, both teen-agers, who were shy about coming to the convention.

The little people will be around Minneapolis all week. If you have a chance go meet them. They're not at all as different as they look.

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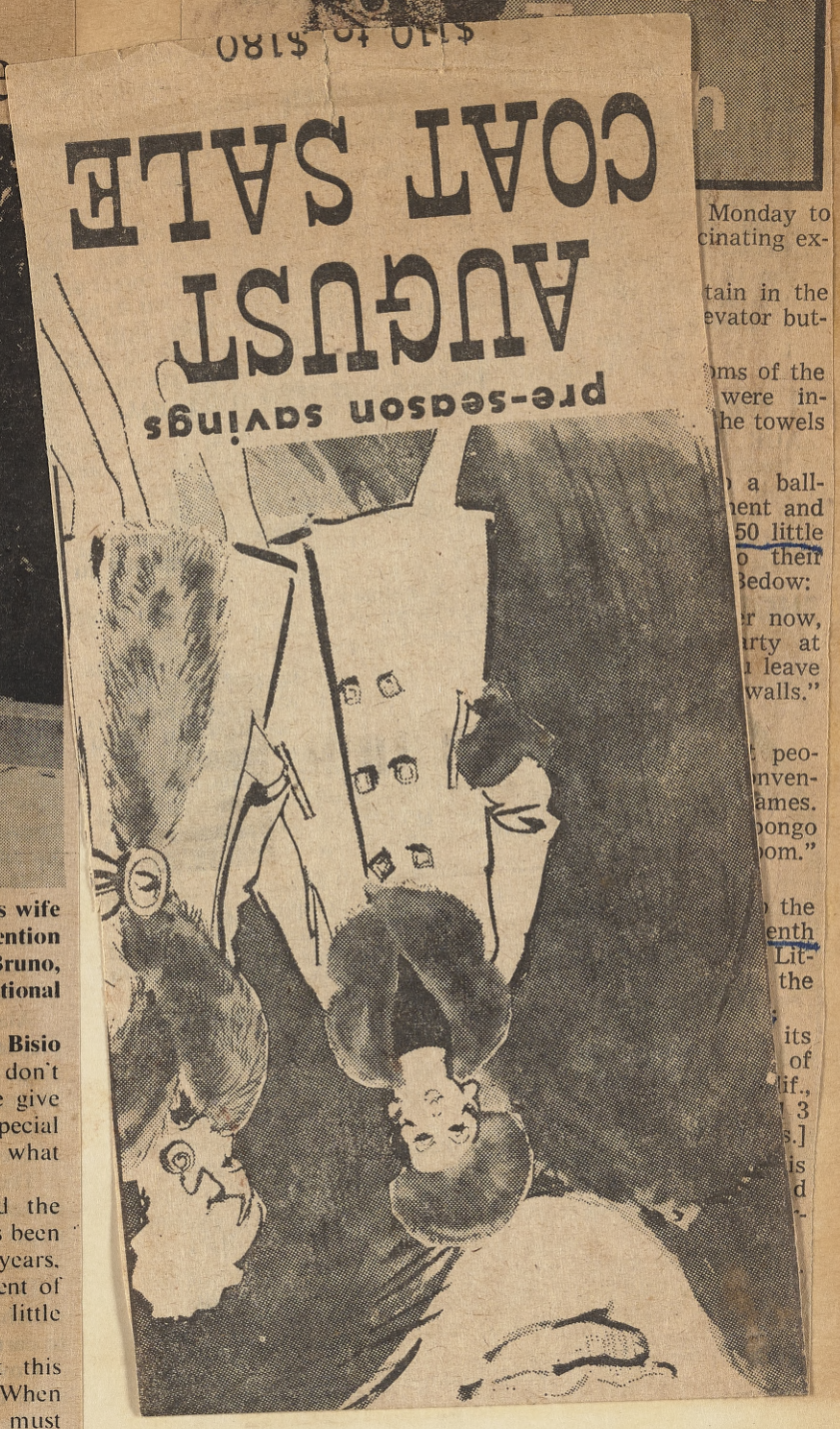

Harriet — Thought you'd like to know!
Best regards.
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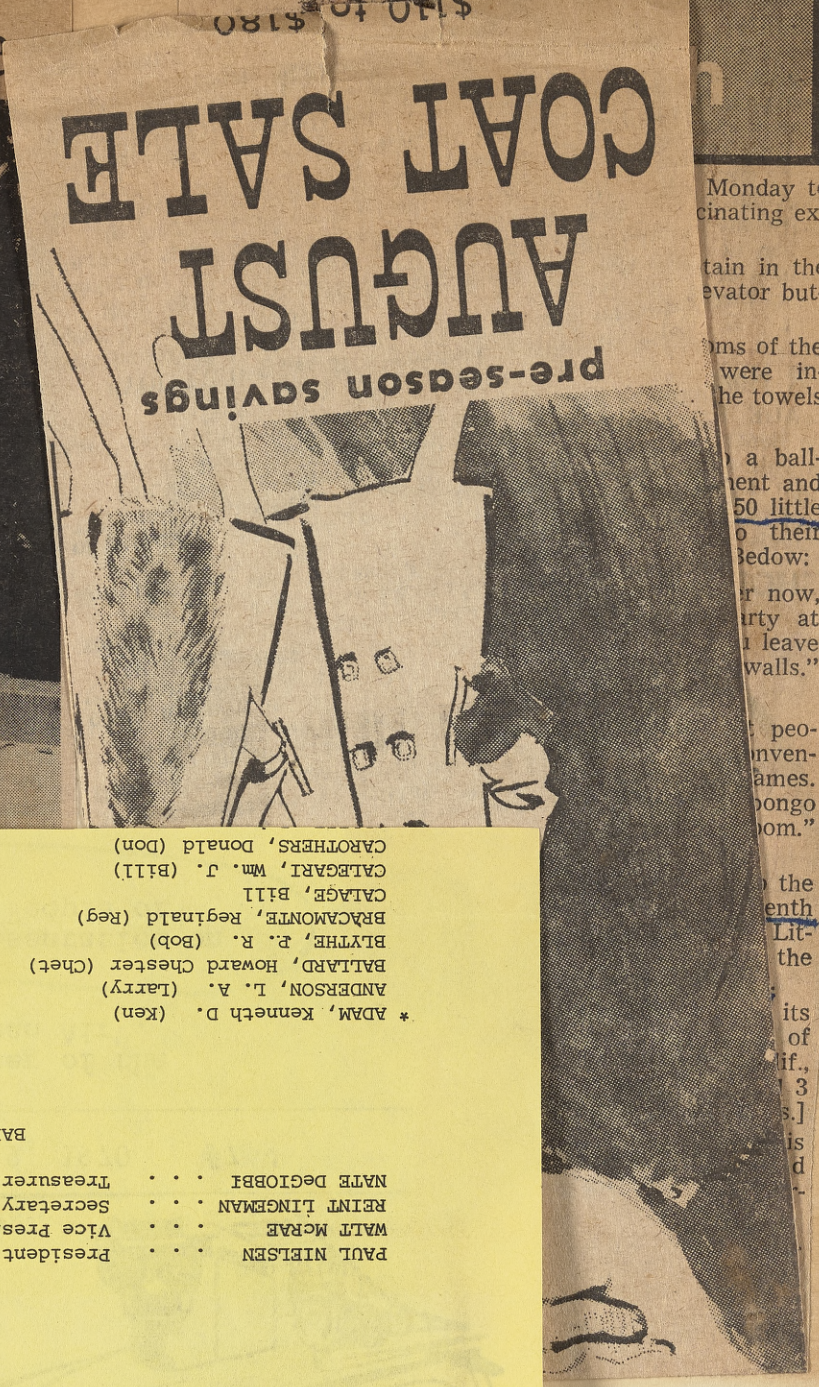

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A WOMAN VOLUNTEER in the Natomas Community Council health-aide program, Sue Odom, left, receives instructions in bandaging techniques from nurse Evelyn DeMania, organizer of the Red Cross class. Observing is Ella Mae Taylor, nursing service director of the Sacramento Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. Bee Photo

Natomas Unit Presses For Area Health Center

The Natomas Community Council has launched an ambitious neighborhood health center project for the Natomas area in northwest Sacramento — a 25-square-mile area with a population of 12,950 which has no resident medical doctor, dentist or optometrist.

E. D. McGuire, chairman of the council, said the project is in "high gear" through the work of women volunteers, promises of volunteer services by physicians, dentists and optometrists from outside the area, and cooperation from public and private health organizations.

The council is a War on Poverty delegate agency which serves the Gardenland, River Gardens and Northgate neighborhoods in an area bounded by the Garden Highway on the south and west, the Western Pacific Railroad Co. tracks on the east and Del Paso Road on the north.

Highest Unemployment

Besides the neglect posed by the absence of professional health persons, McGuire said county — 12.6 per cent.

Also, he said, housing conditions are deplorable. In one section of Gardenland, 181 out of 312 dwellings are categorized by the city as dilapidated or deteriorating.

To combat the problem, women from the area have been undergoing health-aide training through the Red Cross. They also have been raising funds for the proposed health center.

The center will be in the Northgate Shopping Center, Northgate Boulevard and El Camino Avenue.

After completing the Red Cross training, the women will be qualified to help staff the center and to make emergency house calls. They also will coordinate transporting of sick persons from Natomas to hospitals or other health agencies outside the area.

The women volunteers have been raising funds for health center equipment through rummage sales and benefit social events.

A fund-raising dance called "Dance Your Way to Health" will be held March 22 in St. Joseph's Hall, 1717 [illegible] been "inspired" by the cooperation they have received from agencies and individuals outside the Natomas area.

49½ Inches of Pure Spunk On Her Way to a Career

SAN DIEGO (AP) — As she hops out of her little car in her little girl dress, the 21-year-old student teacher draws looks of curiosity from school children.

Lois Gerage never stops to notice.

"If you show people it doesn't bother you, it won't bother them," she says of her height—4 feet, 1½ inches.

In June, Miss Gerage will receive a degree in fine arts and social science from San Diego State College. It will be another year before she wins her teaching credential.

As a dwarf born with achondroplasia in a family of normal-sized people, Lois learned early that hurdles always lay ahead.

The lively brunette recalls as a child in Pasadena, "I came home from school complaining that they always made me play the baby." She proudly says her mother treated her as an equal of her big brother and playmates.

Now, says Lois, "I've got the mouth and the courage to say what I feel. I'm me, and people accept me for me."

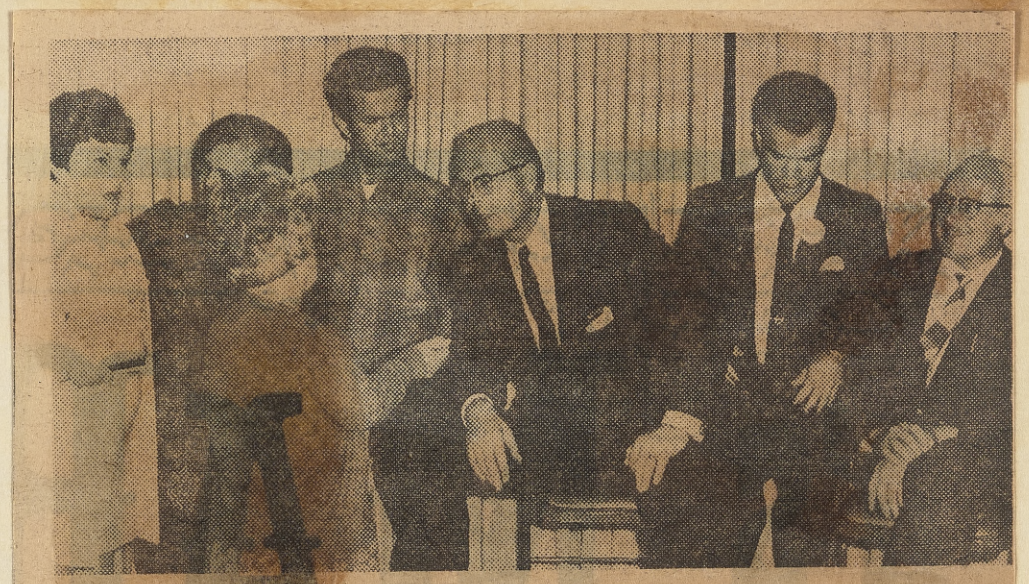
Two other coeds share a Mission Beach apartment with her, and their mutual friends are average-sized people.

But none is more energetic than Lois, who is active in social groups and an avid water skier, swimmer and volleyball player.

"Oh, I'm a monkey," she smiles.

Her elementary school pupils know she's different, says them on my side." Getting a real job as a teacher may be something else, she admits.

LOIS GERAGE IS NEARING HER AMBITION
A life of hurdles for tiny student teacher—(AP)



Dr. J. DeWitt Fox, center, and Dr. Ewald Lonser, right, talk to members of the Little People of America who met Saturday. Fox was the speaker.

'Little People' Learn Of Man's True Measure

The measure of a man isn't what happens to him but how he handles it.

That was the message given Saturday night to about 30 members of the Little People of America who met at Fellowship Hall of the Vallejo Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Dr. J. DeWitt Fox, Glendale neurosurgeon, spoke to the members of the Little People's district 12, who came from throughout Southern California.

He stressed the importance in their lives of a careful diet, good rest habits and, above all, an optimistic attitude. Dr. Ewald Lonzer, pathologist, participated in a discussion session.

Carl Barnaby sang at the meeting which adjourned to a reception at Dr. Fox's home. The program was arranged by Felix Silla and James Cady of Glendale, the Little People's foreign correspondent.

Dwarf Has Frustrations—and Fun

Peninsula family

Redwood City (Calif.) Tribune, Saturday, May 16, 1970—7

By LUCILE HILLYARD
Tribune Staff Writer

"The trouble is that things just aren't made for little people!"

Mrs. Alfred Stickney, a 4 foot 2 inch dwarf, school teacher and lecturer, was speaking before a meeting of the Redwood City Women's Club.

The small lively woman with the big, easily heard voice said that:

Public telephones are impossible. A dwarf just can't reach the coin box or dial. "But I've met a lot of nice people who are delighted to help me out."

Public restrooms are another problem. "That's why I have the best looking bangs in the country! That's all I can see."

Shoes? Well, when she finds a size four that fits her, she buys them even if they are purple. A friend who wears a smaller size has all of her shoes handmade in Italy at $65 a pair. "But it's either that or wear Mary Janes forever!"

Dwarf men don't have so much trouble with shoes — boys shoes aren't that different. But her husband, an airplane mechanic, has to have his suits tailor made. "He gets his clothes at the same place Wilt Chamberlain does in San Francisco!"

Dresses? "I hate to see the miniskirts go. It's the first time any of us have been able to buy a dress right off the rack! Patterns aren't any help either — we just have to learn how to re-model regular clothes."

Houses? The Stickneys own their own home in San Bruno. "It's lower than most houses — but I still have a stool that I kick all over the house so I can reach things."

Shopping? Al Stickney is 4 feet 6 inches tall, so he can reach a little higher, but they still have trouble. "Our family joke is 'What's the matter, you short or something?' I finally quit trying to get things out of the freezer at our favorite market because the manager said I was going to give him a heart attack if I didn't stop teetering on the edge of the freezer and diving in it!"

Jobs? When she first tried to enroll in normal school in her home state, Wisconsin, she was turned down because of her size. The guidance counselor said they couldn't guarantee her a job. She went storming home to her high school principal — who saw that she was enrolled.

Teaching? There was some question raised when she started teaching in the elementary grades. How would she maintain discipline in a classroom with children the same size she was? "Whenever any confusion arose as to who was going to be boss, I made the class a proposition. I told them whoever could touch their head to the floor without bending their knees could be boss!"

"Then I'd put my head on the floor and wave my arms at them. It was quite a sight seeing a whole class full of kids trying to touch their heads to the floor. Of course," the delightfully humorous Mrs. Stickney said, "I made sure there weren't any dwarfs among my pupils!"

One of her pupils complained to her when she had caught him doing something besides his school work, "I think it's illegal for somebody short to sneak up on people like that!"

Other teachers complained, too. "I hate to have a class the year after you have them," one said. "You're always playing ball and stuff with them and how am I going to look out there skipping rope?"

"Of course, my friend was about 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighed about 190 pounds," Mrs. Stickney explained, "and jumping rope just wasn't her dish!"

Mrs. Stickney is a member of Little People of America, Inc., an organization of dwarfs. But it wasn't her idea to join, she said. "I felt that I was the best adjusted dwarf in the country and I didn't want to categorize myself."

But her little niece saw the Little People of America in a list of clubs in Life Magazine and mentioned to her aunt that here was a club that nobody else in the family could belong to.

"Not me," she told her niece, "I don't need anything like that."

After all, Mrs. Stickney said, she had been raised on a farm surrounded by four brothers and sisters, dozens of cousins, aunts and uncles, and she'd never been made to feel different from anybody else in the otherwise normal-sized family.

"Oh, at first when I started to school and used to get into fights, I'd holler for my brothers and they'd come running to help out poor little me!"

Then her brothers discovered that she started most of the fights so they told her she'd just have to get herself out of trouble the best way she could!

"And I was always expected to do my share of the chores and housework on the family farm.

"So I really didn't feel that I needed to associate with people who were dwarfs!"

But her niece kept bugging her every day until one day she stood eye to eye with her aunt and said, "Listen, did you ever stop to think that maybe there are little dwarf kids that don't have as nice a family as you have? Don't you think you ought to help them?"

Mrs. Stickney said that caught her with her mouth open and nothing to say. So she sat right down and wrote a letter to the organization, received an instant reply and became involved immediately.

Although she met her husband through LPA, she emphasized that the group is not a lonely hearts club. "It just happens that way."

LPA, she said, was organized in 1957 by Billy Barty, a TV and movie actor, in Las Vegas, Nev. Now a nationwide, voluntary organization, LPA works to help find solutions to problems unique to little people, provide an interchange of ideas, help them find the right jobs, and give hints and suggestions for more convenient living.

The organization helps to educate the general public, too.

"Contrary to general opinion," Mrs. Stickney said, "only about 3 per cent of the approximately 5,000 dwarfs in the United States are in show business. Most hold regular jobs in the normal world."

A sense of humor is a definite asset for a little person to have. "After all," she continued, "you look in the mirror and you are definitely not a Liz Taylor. So how many Liz Taylors are there?"

It's important to help the "little littles", she said, especially as they reach their teens, so she devotes much of her time to working with parents and their dwarf children through the LPA Parents' Auxiliary.

There are two general types of dwarfism, Mrs. Stickney said. She is the disproportionate type which is caused by a bone deficiency. The well-proportioned dwarf with the small, squeaky voice has a pituitary deficiency.

Al Stickney is chairman for the California, Hawaii, and Nevada district of LPA and anyone interested in obtaining more information about the organization may write to him at Box 633, San Bruno, 94066.

— Tribune photo by Ray De Aragon

Always Looking Up

Automobiles aren't the only things that pose problems for dwarfs like Mrs. Alfred Stickney, a Peninsula lecturer and school teacher. Others include public telephones, restrooms, houses, grocery stores . . .

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Joy's show starts next Saturday

EDITOR'S NOTE: Joy Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell of Esparto, is appearing this fall on the NBC television program H. R. Pufnstuf. This is her letter to the folks back home.

823 North Gower No. 2
Hollywood, CA 90038
August 27, 1969

Hi!

Well, our filming of H. R. PUFNSTUF is just about over! Plans are slated to finish sometime next week or the one after, but I'm going to feel sad when it's all over!

The first show will be on September 6 at 10 a.m. on NBC, Channel 3. It has been so much fun and exciting, too! In my past three months of working on this show, I have gained many friends and much knowledge that I will remember for the rest of my life.

Everyone is so friendly and understanding — so willing to help! I feel that these characteristics, along with so many others, are necessary to be happy. I am also getting a thrill out of doing everything by myself and being able to do it right! All of these little ordinary things such as ironing, cleaning, etc. are much more fun when you're doing them by yourself!!!! You assume much responsibility when you're on your own, but I feel that it is a part of entering the world to make a living. I love it all!

The people with whom I work at Paramount Studios are the greatest. As I said, each is so willing to help and assist in any way possible. We have the best producers, director, assistant directors, crew, and cast! Everyone has an important part to play to make the show successful.

I have the pleasure and fun of working with 16-year-old Jack Wild who played THE ARTFUL DODGER in the movie, "OLIVER!" He's so fantastic and extremely talented; everyone loves him! He is the star of the show and plays the part of a boy, Jimmy, who gets lost and ends up on Living Island. His constant companion is Freddy the Flute — the only flute in the world with "a diamond skin condition." Freddy also talks, as do all the creatures on Living Island. When Jimmy lands on Living Island, he is greeted by the Mayor, H. R. Pufnstuf. "Puf" and Jimmy hit it off well and become the best of friends, and Puf tries to help Jimmy and Freddy, in every way possible, to return to their home. But . . . the Witch of Living Island, Witchiepoo, has spotted Jimmy and Freddy and wants them.

Each attempt to return home is unsuccessful, and we find that they're stranded on the island. The Witch is not a cruel person — torture, etc. — but really rather a riot! The part is played so well by Billie Hayes who was in LI'L ABNER. Billie is such fun and keeps everyone laughing. She and Jack are the only characters that are not inside of costumes; they use their own faces and voices.

The remaining characters are disguised in elaborate costumes and real-looking heads. I play five parts — Orson the Vulture, the Witch's "right-hand-man" who is always getting beat up but comes back to the Witch for more; Cling of the Cling and Clang duo; the Boyd (a member of the singing group) with a hippie vest and playing the trumpet; the Ant with the extremely large (I should have said FAT) stomach and am so round I look like a ball!

I occasionally am Baby Tree, but I share the job with another cast member. Playing all these parts is such fun, and I do enjoy every minute I spend at the Studio. Each day brings something new and different, so I'm never bored! This is an experience!

We were all allowed to see the first actual TV show a few weeks ago, and is it ever fabulous! Everyone is so amazed and thrilled, and I know the series will be a hit! It is so different from anything I've ever seen! The color is unbelievable, and the sets are indescribable. I think every person who comes to our stage comes out with a whole new feeling about TV — a warm and refreshed thought enters your mind with all the creativity and uniqueness of such a show! It is geared to children, but I can't help but think that my age group and older will like it more! There are so many funny expressions and even everyday comments, but you can't help laughing!

CLING — Joy is shown as Cling with Jack Wild, who played the Artful Dodger in the movie, Oliver.

JOY CAMPBELL

As I've said, everyone is so friendly and kind here; but I can't and won't forget all the things many of you have done for me. You all showed concern and interest in my coming, and that means a lot of me. I also appreciate everyone's talking to my family and asking about me. I hope to be home in October to visit, and then I'll look forward to seeing you; but until that time, I hope you will enjoy the show and when you notice The Boyds waving goodbye and telling you to watch again next week, you'll know my waving is meant explicity for all of you.

With best wishes to all,

Joy Campbell

P.S. I'd love to hear from anyone anytime! Oh, kids, address your fan letters to your favorite character(s) and send them to Sid and Marty Krofft Productions, 5451 Marathon Street, Paramount Studios, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.

SOLOISTS WILLIAM BARKER AND CAROLYN STRANGE WITH DR. RALPH PRIME
They Go Over the Trills for Stockton Chorale's Version of Oratorio
(Record photos)

Choral Groups Will Sing Two Versions of Handel's 'Messiah'

Stockton will have a choice of styles in Handel's "The Messiah" this week.

Today the traditional performance of the oratorio — the 55th season for the university and the 45th for Stockton audiences — will be presented by the University of the Pacific Conservatory. On Thursday the Stockton Chorale with the Stockton Symphony will be heard in the Stockton Junior High School.

"After 55 years we couldn't just stop," Dr. Preston Stedman, dean of the conservatory, said in commenting on the wealth of "The Messiah" for Stockton audiences.

Dr. J. Russell Bodley, former dean of the conservatory, will conduct the University Chorus and the University Orchestra in what will be the "gigantic baroque" interpretation of the oratorio. Dr. Ralph Prime, conductor of the Stockton Chorale, will lead the chorale and orchestra in what he admits will be somewhat "strange and unfamiliar in certain respects."

Soloists for the university production this afternoon will be Alice L. Brady, soprano, and Dickson Titus, baritone, of the Pacific faculty with Elizabethanne Bettencourt of Escalon, a composition major, alto, and John Kay, tenor, a voice major from Fremont.

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Dr. Charles Schilling, a member of the Pacific Conservatory faculty, will [illegible]

down to the 30 pieces of Handel's day. And in the solos there will be much "ornamentation."

As the conductor explains, "The music written down in the manuscript we possess was not the whole of what was performed. In some cases it was nothing more than a skeleton of what the composer expected."

The soloists will embellish with trills and similar ornamentation what Handel simply left vacant or marked with a rest. The whole idea is not unlike jazz improvisation.

Both the university program today and the chorale program Thursday will be free to the public.

DR. CHARLES SCHILLING (L) CONFERS WITH PRIME
Organ Will Be Featured in the Concert

ALTHOUGH HE stands four inches less than five feet tall, Robert Ray Burgan still uses standard appliances and fixtures to keep house in his Corte Madera home, thanks to a number of strategically-located two-step ladders. At left, he stands on one of the ladders to feed the upright washer in his kitchen. In center photo, another comes in handy at dish-washing time, while his pet cat perches on the "rumble seat." At right, the bathroom ladder boosts Bob to mirror-height for shaving. (Photos by Gil Pearson)

When You Stand But Four-Feet-Eight

By GIL PEARSON

If holding your job depended on loading a truck with 90-pound, five-foot sacks of fertilizer, and you stood but four-feet-eight-inches tall — what the heck would you do about it?

The solution becomes a matter of brain rather than brawn as worked out by one Robert Ray Burgan, a 125-pound employee of the California State Division of Highways.

"I can't lift that much bulk," Bob says, "so I break it open and load by bucketsful."

in an upright washer-over-dryer which he can reach by standing on one of a number of his specia'ly-built two-step step ladders. He uses others for shaving and doing the dishes.

And he dances at parties given by little people.

WHILE BOB has a quick wit ("we little ones try to think big"), he does not smile readily. Perhaps this is because he is

Marinites by the thousands know Bob by sight because he has held on to his Highway 101 landscape maintenance job between the Golden Gate Bridge and Marinwood and Tiburon over the past six years.

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BOB BURGAN'S gutsy attitude toward his job is in character with his total outlook on life. He looks you right in the eye when he says:

"God put little people on earth for some reason. He would not have done this if there wasn't some calling for us."

And he adds:

"I can't believe that anybody, regardless of size, goes through life without problems. Other than being short, the little people lead lives very similar to average-sized persons. Our special hurdles are clothes and jobs.

"I used to buy clothes and then have them fitted. But today alteration cost is such that it pays to get made-to-order suits.

"I've had a job every since I finished Tamalpais High School because I found I liked the landscaping field and was willing to learn it in courses offered by College of Marin and the state highway department. I hope to eventually take the exam for foreman.

"But many little people have a hard time finding jobs. Those who can convince employers that they are just as capable as big people usually prove their abilities in a short time. We have people in all the different fields — machinists, teachers, accountants, engineers, and on and on.

"Contrary to popular speculation, only about 2 per cent of America's dwarfs are in show business."

WHEN WE HAD completed our interview and picture-taking at Bob Burgan's home in Corte Madera, we drove off with the feeling that we had just met a very fine clean-cut and sensible gentleman.

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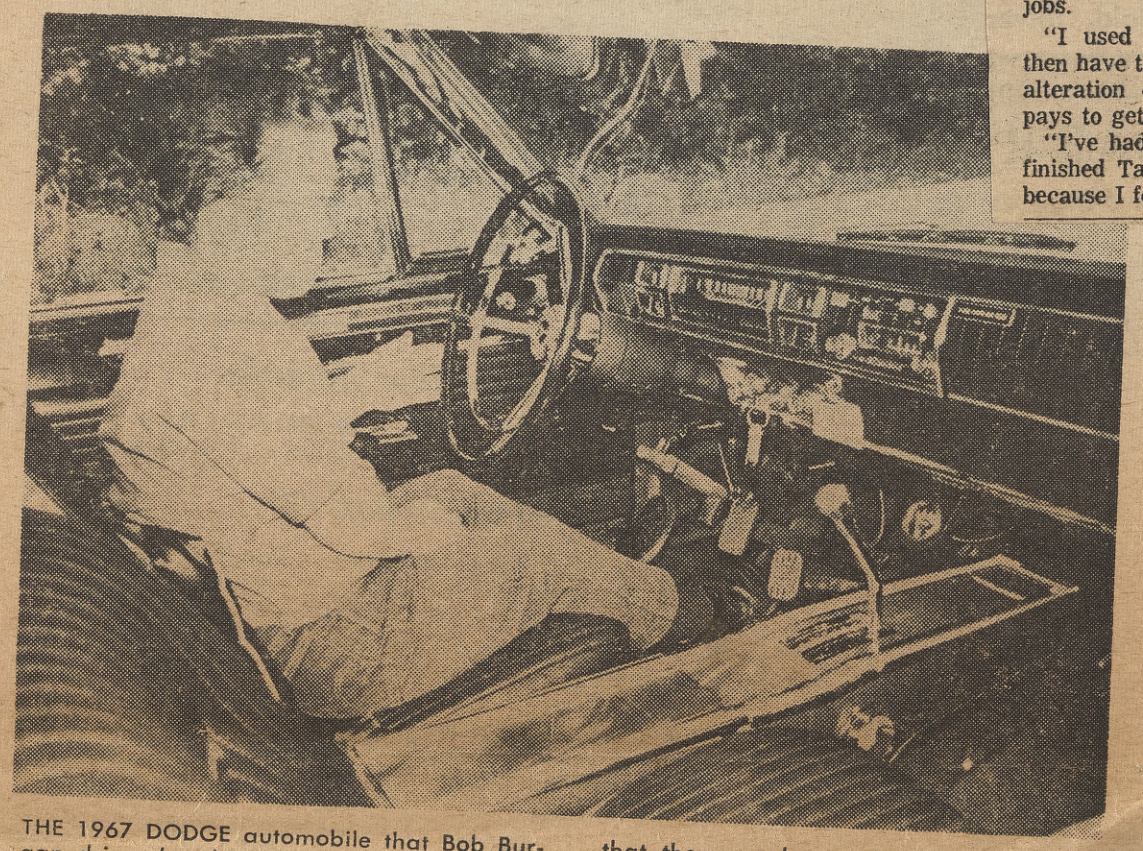

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The Little People, Has Done All Right

Marinite Proves That Dwarfs Can Lead A Very Normal Life

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may marry within the next two years"), this only child of normal-sized parents lives alone with his cat in a neatly kept three-bedroom house which contains all modern appliances. His interests are widespread.

He is a camera bug ("just bought a new Spotmatic Pentax"). He has played the drums in various combos throughout Marin ("the Cordlords, in particular"). He directs the handbell choir at the Mill Valley Methodist Church where he also sings bass for the regular Sunday choir.

IN ADDITION, Bob can drive a motorcycle. And he rides horseback and has the hobby of collecting horse figurines, plaques and paintings. A large-scale copy of the painting "Free As The Wind" is featured in his living room.

He drives himself to work in a 1967 Dodge equipped with one-foot extensions of the foot pedals ("they cost me $50"). He cooks, and he does his laundry in an upright washer-over-dryer which he can reach by standing on one of a number of his specially-built two-step stepladders. He uses others for shaving and doing the dishes.

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WHILE BOB has a quick wit ("we little ones try to think big"), he does not smile readily. Perhaps this is because he is obsessed with the drive to help other, less aggressive little people.

We soon found out that his only interest in a feature story about him is that his experiences might provide opportunity and inspiration for other little people in Marin to learn that they can broaden their lives if they will but reach out, as he has, and overcome timidity.

He says, "I want little folks under four feet 10 inches or their parents to write me at 629 Meadowsweet Drive in Corte Madera. I want to tell them of the many advantages they can enjoy by joining our national association, the Little People of America Inc.

"I, myself, delayed joining for many years because I felt I should try getting along in the world of tall people on my own hook. But that was a mistake. The association really does a lot of good psychologically and practically.

"FOR INSTANCE, there is Mrs. Harriet Slattery who is a member of our District 12 in San Francisco and who is in charge of the Parent-Auxiliary. This service helps parents who have dwarfs to help these youngsters solve their problems in getting along with regular-size children.

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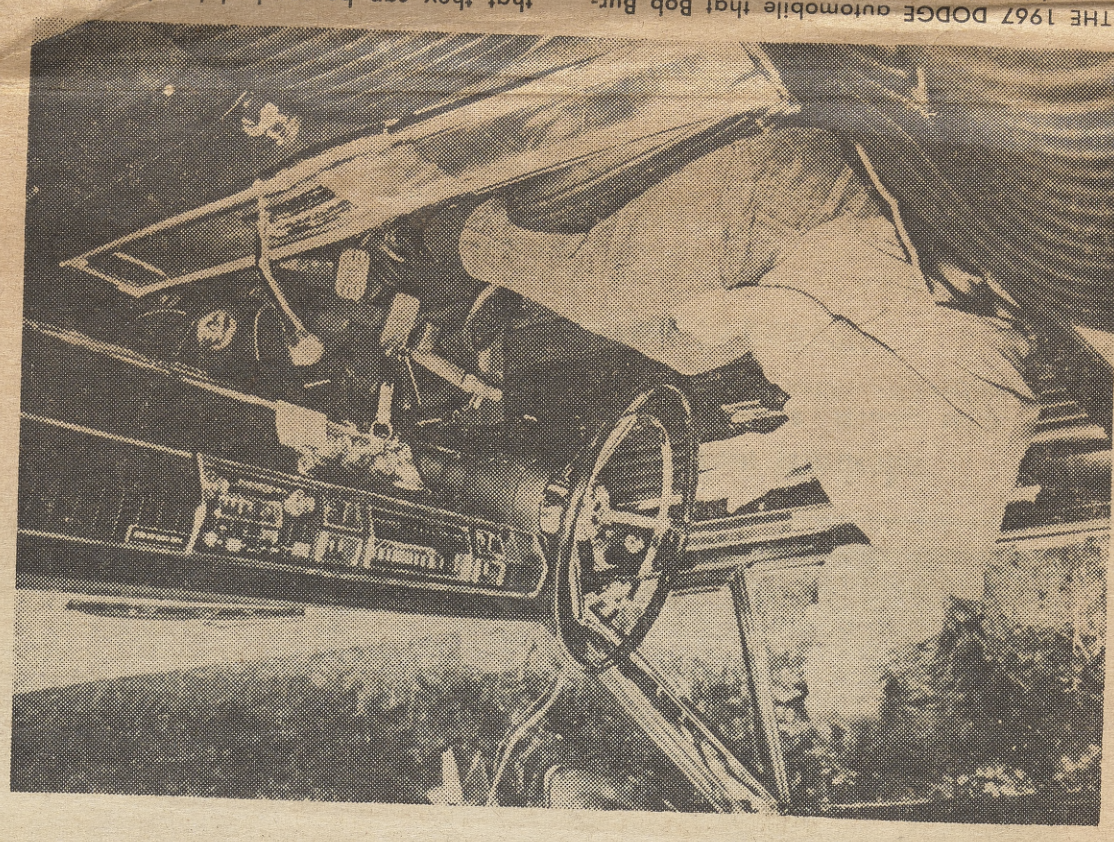
"In my own case," Bob recalls, "my parents would tell me to go and get my own chair rather than get it for me. But I must also add that their attention is something I'll always cherish.

"As a child I was annoyed by the pranks of the big kids, but as I grew older (if not up) I got so I just laughed it off and forgot it."

Bob Esaf, another member of Little People Of America, makes automobile pedal extensions for the little people all around the nation.

NO REPORTER today could close out a story of this type without editorializing that the 850 dwarf members of Little People Of America Inc., one of America's most overlooked minorities, take a positive posture toward meeting and resolving their problems.

Bob Burgan is representative of that affirmative attitude.



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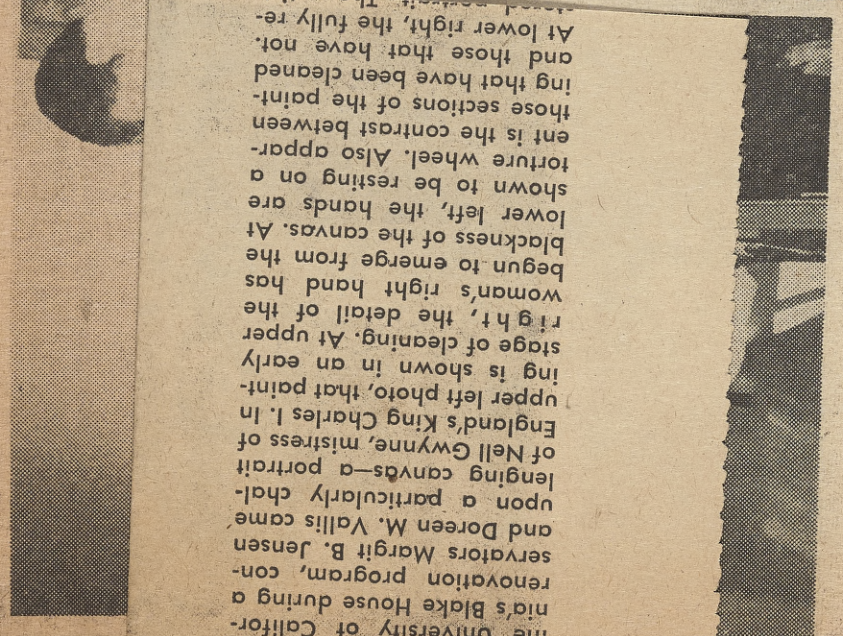
At right, he displays prized horse figurines 50 pieces. He has been riding horses since



THE VERY busy Bob Burgan, of one of his several special interests and activities, directs the youthful handbell choir of Mill Valley's Methodist Church. He also sings bass with the church's voice choir.

removed from the walls of the University of California's Blake House during a renovation program, conservators Margit B. Jensen and Doreen M. Vallis came upon a particularly challenging canvas—a portrait of Nell Gwynne, mistress of England's King Charles I. In upper left photo, that painting is shown in an early stage of cleaning. At upper right, the detail of the woman's right hand has begun to emerge from the blackness of the canvas. At lower left, the hands are shown to be resting on a torture wheel. Also apparent is the contrast between those sections of the painting that have been cleaned and those that have not. At lower right, the fully restored painting. The entire

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THE Subscriber having obtained Patents for upwards of TWENTY THOUSAND Acres of LAND on the *Ohio* and *Great Kanhawa* (Ten Thousand of which are situated on the banks of the first-mentioned river, between the mouths of the two *Kanhawas*, and the remainder on the *Great Kanhawa*, or *New River*, from the mouth, or near it, upwards, in one continued survey) proposes to divide the same into any sized tenements that may be desired, and lease them upon moderate terms, allowing a reasonable number of years rent free, provided, within the space of two years from next October, three acres for every fifty contained in each lot, and proportionably for a lesser quantity, shall be cleared, fenced, and tilled; and that, by or before the time limited for the commencement of the first rent, five acres for every hundred, and proportionably, as above, shall be enclosed and laid down in good grass for meadow; and moreover, that at least fifty good fruit trees for every like quantity of land shall be planted on the Premises. Any persons inclinable to settle on these lands may be more fully informed of the terms by applying to the subscriber, near *Alexandria*, or in his absence, to Mr. LUND WASHINGTON; and would do well in communicating their intentions before the 1st of October next, in order that a sufficient number of lots may be laid off to answer the demand.

As these lands are among the first which have been surveyed in the part of the country they lie in, it is almost needless to premise that none can exceed them in luxuriance of soil, or convenience of situation, all of them lying upon the banks either of the *Ohio* or *Kanhawa*, and abounding with fine fish and wild fowl of various kinds, as also in most excellent meadows,

A Gift Of The Dead...

Thanks To Hormones, Scott Will Grow To Full Size

...Measure Of A Man

Scott Lau and some of his suddenly outgrown shoes.

Bee Photo by Ward Sharrer

By Ted Fourkas

Scott Lau, age 12, is growing again.

Since Jan. 10, he has spurted almost three inches to 45¾ths inches and has caught up with his sister Stephanie, a petite 8-year-old.

The size-9 shoes he wore for a year and a half are now totally inadequate. He has been through three pairs of shoes and is now wearing size 12.

The sudden surge has been cuased by shots three times a week of a substance called pituitary growth hormone.

"I don't like the needles," admits Scott, "but it's worth it."

"He's thrilled now," says his mother, Mrs. Robert Lau.

Normal Existence

"He couldn't play little league ball and do all the things other kids do, and now there's hope for a normal existence.

"We had to pull him out of public school because children treated him unmercifully. It's the difference between a normal life and — I don't know what his life would have been without it."

Scott is getting the hormone shots under a research project of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of California — Davis, Medical School. Use of the limited quantities of the hormone is restricted to such research.

The Laus realized their only son would be a pituitary dwarf when he was five.

"Without the growth hormone, he would have been about 4 feet tall at age 21," said his mother.

"He used to eat — he'd try so hard to eat all the things that were good for him — but it just broke our heart because we knew whatever he tried wasn't going to help . . .

More Aware

"He's been aware of the problem from the very beginning — he's probably more aware of it than any others of us will be. In the same age group, he wouldn't come up to the other kids' shoulders."

Doctors at UC-Davis said about 3 per cent of all children are abnormally short, and of those about 15 per cent have a shortage of pituitary growth hormone in their bodies.

The general problem has been known since the 1920s, but not until the mid-1950s was the extract of pituitary glands of monkeys and dead humans used to stimulate growth in children.

Much of the major work in the field was done by Professor Choh Li of the University of California-Berkeley, who is now trying to define the hormone's structure.

"Without professor Li's work," concede the Davis doctors, "we'd be nowhere."

Pituitary Glands

The limited supplies of the growth hormone are now extracted from the pituitary glands of dead humans, then purified through a complex process and, finally, distributed by the National Pituitary Agency. The agency is funded by the federal National Institutes of Health.

A child may need the extracts from two or three persons in one week. In a year, he may need the extracts from 70 to 100 glands — and he will need the hormone for several years.

The hormone is injected for eight months, then stopped because the body's defenses begin to make antibodies that reduce its effect. After a four-month pause, injections are resumed for another eight months.

When given to a child like Scott, the hormone has a general effect on metabolism. But its main impact is on the growth of long bones.

On Okinawa

Scott's father, an Air Force major, was in Okinawa when he learned UC-Davis would accept Scott in its research project to improve the diagnosis and treatment of pituitary drawfism.

Major Lau won a compassionate reassignment and was transferred to Mather Air Force Base, where the family now lives at 130 Elliott Ave. The major is chief of scheduling for the 320th Bomb Wing.

The first hormone injection for Scott was Jan. 10, and growth lines on the family refrigerator have been charting the changes since.

Scott can remember only one advantage of being small. He was once able to hide in a desk during a game of hide-and-seek. How tall does he want to grow?

"As big as the average kid," he replies. "I don't want them to say: 'You're too big. You're a horse.'"

By IONE OLIVER
Women's News Writer

Fred and Melba Berry of San Bernardino are members of the Los Angeles Chapter, Little People of America.

They are among some 500 other members of the chapter, although they probably are the only ones from this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry are dwarfs.

But their size in no way hinders their ability to live like "tall" people. Their home looks like anybody's modest, well furnished, comfortable abode with regulation size davenport, tables, chairs, sink, refrigerator, stove, beds and automatic washer and dryer.

They drive a car the size the average person drives. The only special equipment is a pedal extension.

They have jobs like anyone else.

Mrs. Berry is 3 feet, 10½ inches tall. "Don't forget the half inch," she smiles. She has been employed for more than three years as a budget clerk in San Bernardino County Welfare Department. Previously, she held other office jobs. On one job, she remembers, she had more trouble with some of the machines because she was left handed than because she was not quite four feet tall.

Her husband is 4 feet 5 inches in height. He has been employed by the California Highway Department in San Bernardino for almost seven years as a highway engineering technician.

Mrs. Berry, whose parents live in Visalia, is a graduate of Visalia High School and attended business college in Fresno. She has several brothers and sisters, who, like her parents are all "tall" people. She wears size 12 children's shoes and has most of her clothes made to order.

His mother lives in Redlands. Fred is also the only dwarf in his family of brothers and sisters. (Two brothers are six-footers.) After graduating from high school in Pittsburgh, Pa., he at-

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electrician, car mechanic and has a well-equipped workshop in which "he can build me anything I want." She says "Even my father, who is 'tall' waits for Fred to do things for him."

She also added, with a note of wifely appreciation that "He is real good to help me," meaning with the housework, all of which they do themselves.

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These Little People Stand Mighty Tall

(Continued from C—1)

tended junior college in La Grange, Ill., and Penn State University for one year. He has attended San Bernardino Valley College for "untold hours" of special training.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry met through their affiliation with the Little People of America Club. Following their marriage 4½ years ago in Las Vegas, they established their home in San Bernardino.

Like any housewife who has inventive and adaptive ability, Mrs. Berry proceeded to plan things in her home for her own convenience.

The upper shelves in the kitdhen are empty. Her dishes, cooking utensils, canned and packaged foods are placed on the lower shelves. By using a stepladder (and really, where is the homemaker who never has to use one?) she can wash the dishes and find things in the refrigerator with very little difficulty. She can use the two front burners of her stove without climbing the ladder, so most of the time, she just forgets the back burners.

All that the clothes closets needed was to have the rods and hooks lowered and they became completely usable for the "little" couple. Mr. Berry did the work.

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Only in the last four or five years has any real research been done, say Mr. and Mrs. Berry. Now, Johns Hopkins, UCLA and Kaiser hospitals are beginning to study the subject, they report.

The LPA club was primarily organized for the benefit of all Little People. By meeting together, they can talk over mutual problems, discuss progress and exchange ideas. Dancing, including square dancing is sponsored by the club as well as other forms of entertainment. But mostly, it provides the opportunity for fellowship with "someone your own size."

There is still so little known about the reason for dwarfism. "There is no set pattern," they say. Dwarfed couples may become parents of dwarfed babies. But they may also have "tall" children or some of each. One case the Berrys tell about involved a couple who had twins, one child being of average stature, the other a "little" baby.

"Some parents won't face reality, some Little People won't accept the truth." This only makes it more difficult for them.

Mrs. Berry is grateful for the advice the doctor gave her mother: "Let her live a normal life." Her mother gave her the chance, and she accepted the challenge.

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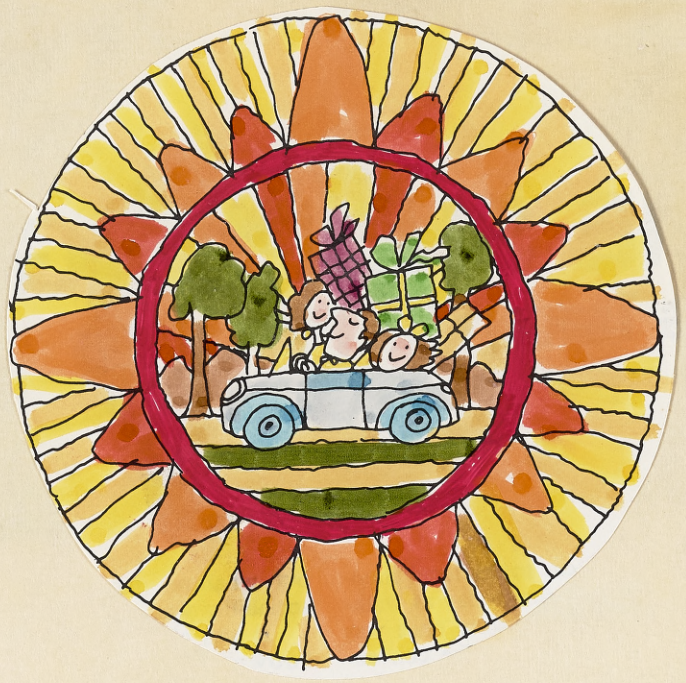

INSTRUCTING Collette Bernay and Harriet Seevers in the art of makeup is Celina Brazil of John Robert Powers School for Women. The school will conduct a free workshop for Little People of America, Inc., District 12, at a meeting in Fresno this weekend. Collette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Bernay, is a merit list student at Tioga Junior High, and Miss Seevers is learning secretarial skills at Central California Commercial College.

Little People to convene here

The spring district meeting of Little People of America, Inc., will be held today Saturday and Sunday in th

Fresno Travel Host.

Alfred, F. Stickney of San Bruno, district director, will be chairman of the business meetings. Arrangements for the weekend meeting have been handled by Collette Bernay of Fresno, chairman, Harriet Seevers of Fresno and Darrell Dietrich of Clovis.

Little People of America, Inc., is composed of adults under 4 feet 10 and children who are medically dwarfed.

An auxiliary, composed of average-sized members of the LPA member's immediate families, works with the organization.

The group was organized by Billy Barty, a Hollywood show business personality, several years ago in Reno. Twenty-one persons attended the first meeting. Now there are over 1,300 members in the national organization. There are 256 members in District 12 comprised of California, Nevada and Hawaii.

The meeting will begin with a fun night tonight. Business meetings, entertainment and reports on LPA employment will be made. A self-improvement meeting will be held Saturday afternoon.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 13

6:00 - 10:00 P.M. - REGISTRATION

8:00 - ?? SOCIALIZING IN THE STICKNEY'S ROOM

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14

8:30 - 10:15 A.M. - DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
MURRIETTA ROOM

9:00 - 10;15 A.M. - EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE
JIM KAY, CHAIRMAN

10:30 - Noon GENERAL MEETING
MURRIETTA ROOM

12:00 - 1:30 P.M. LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 - 2:30 P.M. SELF IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP
MURRIETTA ROOM

Colette Bernay, Chairman
Miss Celina Brazil, ~~Jr.~~ Representative
JOHN ROBERT POWERS School

1:30 - 2:30 P.M. FOR MEN ONLY

Al Stickney, Chairman
Site to be announced

2:30 - 4:00 P.M. SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS

TEEN SOCIAL - Carolyn Strange, Andre Boursse, Advisors

PARENT AUXILIARY - Shirley Barty, Harriet Stickney, Co-Chairmen

IDEA EXCHANGE - Al Stickney, Moderator

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, cont.

6:30 P.M. SOCIAL HOUR

7:30 P.M. BANQUET

MENU

Tossed Green Salad With 1000 Island Dressing, Prime Rib, Baked Potato With Sour Cream, Green Beans Amandine, Rolls, Butter - Sherbert - Choice of Beverage

AFTER THE BANQUET

DISTRICT 12'S OWN TALENT SHOW
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SUNDAY, MARCH 15

9:30 A.M. CLOSING GENERAL MEETING

10:30 A.M. CLOSING BOARD MEETING

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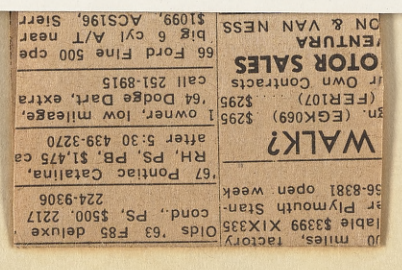
Miss Colette Bernay, Chairman - Fresno

Mr. Darrell Dietrich - Clovis
Miss Harriet Seevers - Fresno
Susan, Mike, Rocky, and Brian Bernay - Fresno



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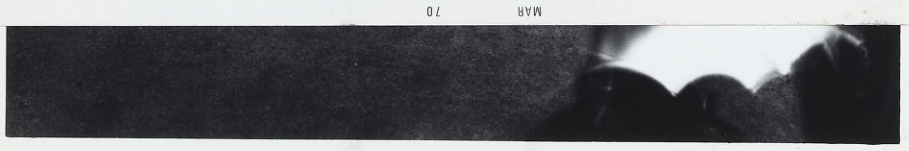

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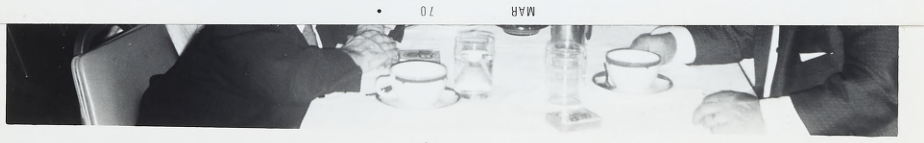

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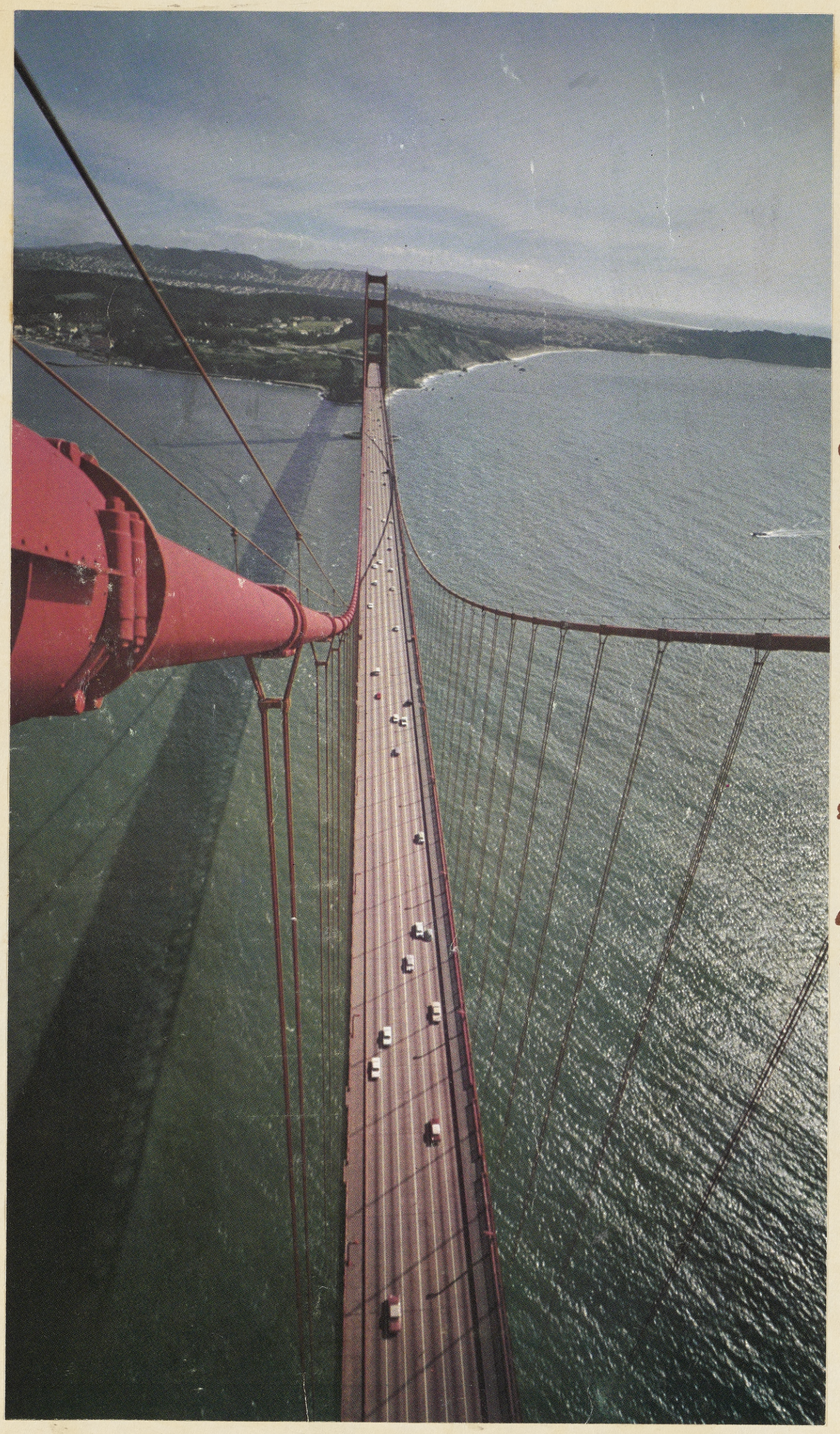


Poem

i want to live life,
And not just be.
i want to need People
And have People
need me.
I want to Give
a lot of what i have,
and understand
the Good of things,
but even more,
the bad.
I'd like to stand
where someone
else has stood
and do for that
one Person, Just
anything that I
Could,
and love and laugh
over all the things
I've known
but when it e'er
should happen
I want to be on
my own.

-Kathy McGuire
1963

New Hampshire

By: T.S. Elliot

Children's voices in the Orchard
Between the blossom-and the fruit-time:
Golden head, Crimson head,
Between the Green tip and the Root.
Black wing, Green wing, hover over;
Twenty years and the Spring is over;
Today Grieves, Tomorrow Grieves,
Cover me over, light-in-leaves;
Golden head, black wing,
Ding Swing,
Spring, Sing,
Swing up into the Apple-tree.

Jimmy Judy Dawn

BETHANY
4 YEARS OLD

TODD

TODD & DAVID

Jimmy, Judy, Dawn

-Jimmy OLINICK
1969

10/69 DISTRICT 12 L.A. CHAPTER

Convention 1969

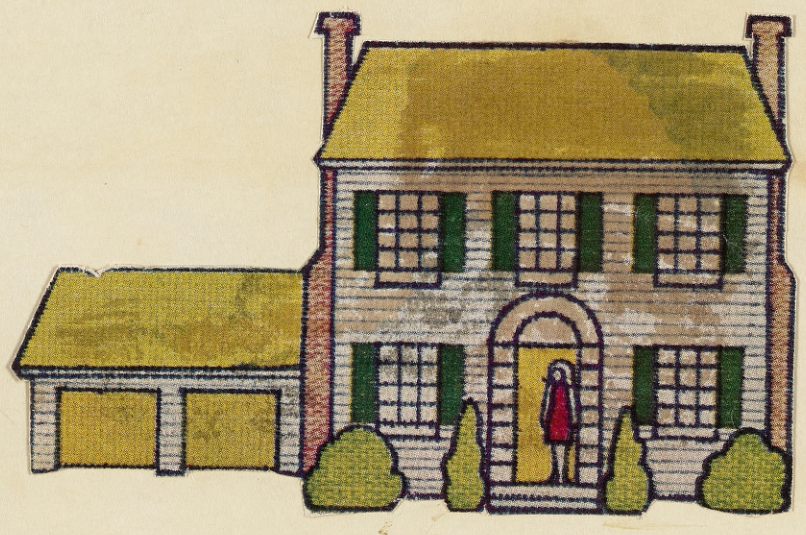
Lori Barty

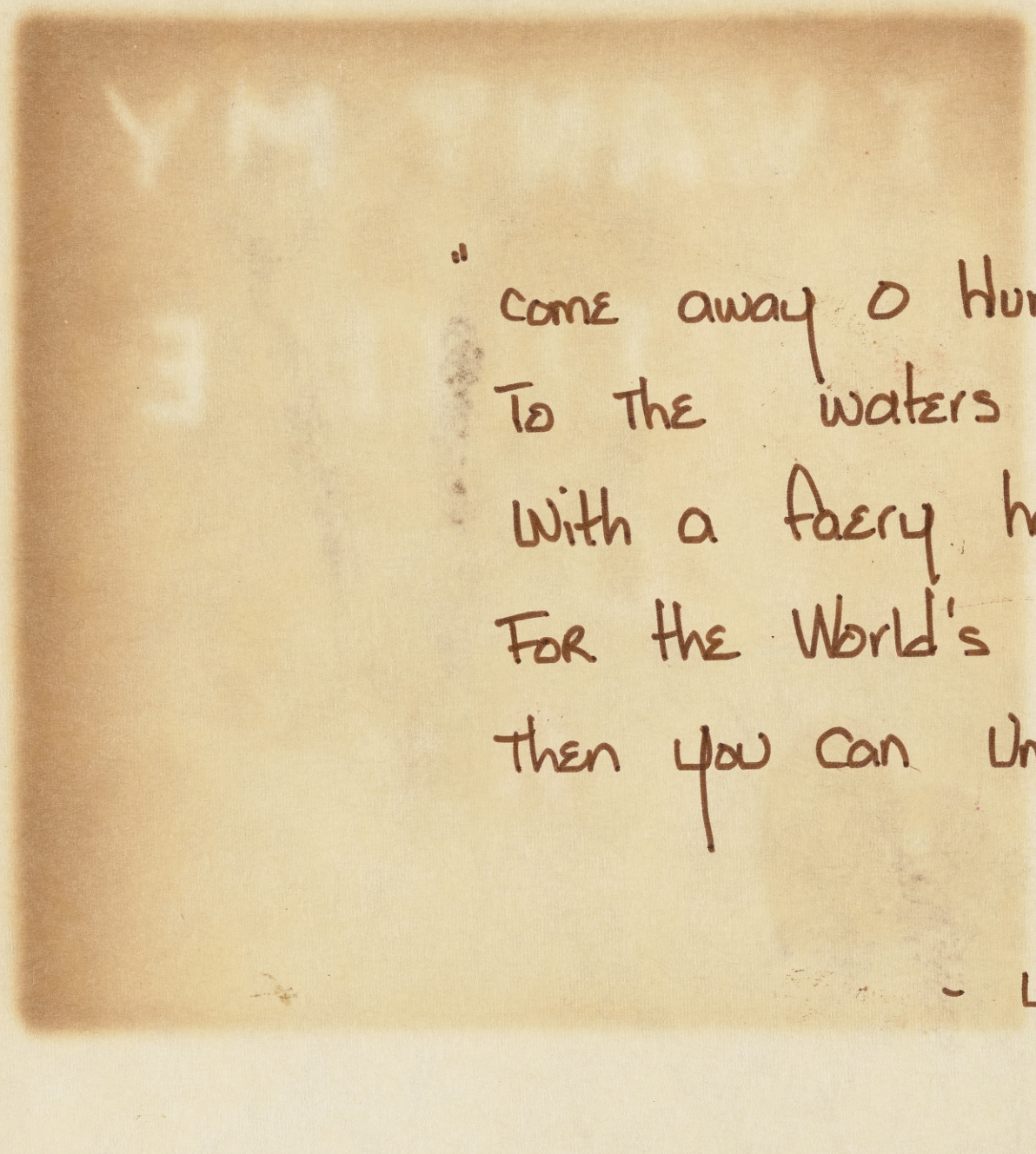
District 12

Billy Cook-
Weed

Gerry, Marty, Fred & Sandy Sneathern

Judy





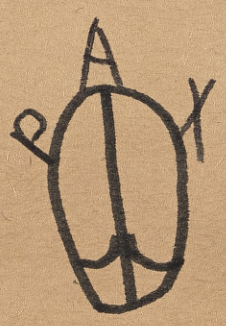
"Come away O Human Child
To the waters and the wild
With a faery hand-in-hand,
For the World's more full of WEEPING
then you can Understand."

- W.B. Yeats

There is not
enough darkness
in all the world
to put out
the light of one
small candle.

Artworks by some of District 12's Artists
Todd Shepherd &
Joyce Cohen

hat 12's



To: Harriet and N
From: Todd

Make New Friends!

GO WEST

TO

OAKLAND

With General Custer's 7th CAVALRY

FRED BASSET

by ALEX GRAHAM

A really WORTHWHILE job, I call that...

...protecting the public...

...and making a REAL CONTRIBUTION to society...

A police dog!

I do envy that Alsatian, you know

Tracking down criminals...

Ah, if I'd only been tall enough...

HELP!
I Need Somebody
HELP!
Not Just Anybody
HELP!

Then ..... AND.....

..... Now.

Let each become all that
he was created capable of being:
expand, if possible, to his full growth;
And show himself at length
in his own shape and stature,
be these what they may.

– Thomas Carlyle
(Great Ideas of Western Man)